Compensation to the Dependents °f IPKF personnel killed in Sri Lanka

3078. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number of depen dents of IPKF personnel who lost their lives in the Sri Lanka Operations who have been given compensation so far and at what rate the compensation has been given; and

(b) by when Government propose to give jobs and clear the compensa tion to all the dependents of IPKF jawans who lost their lives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA); (a) Out of a total of 1157 IPKF personnel who lost their lives (including 34 personnel reported missing and presumed dead), dependents of 1151 personnel have been paid Liberalised Familv Pensionary awards along with gratuity and other benefits.

(b) Government of India have issued instructions to the Government Departments/Public Sector Undertakings, as a special dispensation, to provide compassionate appointments to the dependenty'of the deceased IPKF personnel by relaxing the relevant criteria where necessary. The grant of pensionary benefits to the remaining 6 dependents is held up on account of disputed legitimacy of the claimants, disputes between claimants and investigation of fraudulent enrolment etc. of the service personnel.

Sportspersons for Beijing Asian Games

3079. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number and the details of sportspersons who have qualified for participation in the for thcoming Beijing Asian Games; and

(b) whether Government proposes to clear all the sportspersons, who qualify the standards prescribed f°r being selected for these games?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI. MEHTA): (a) The number and the details of the sports-. persons, who have so far been cleared by the Government, for participation in the forthcoming Beijing Asian Games, are as under: —

SI. No.	Discipline	Spoitspeisons deaied
!	Athletic	25
2	Boxing.	6
3	Aichery.	4
4		6
5		17
6	■ Hockey (Men)	16
7	Hockey (Women).	. 16
8	Kayaking and Canoeing	8
9	Weight lifting.	12
10		5
11		12
12		9
13		3
14	Tennis.	5
15		22
16		7
		TOTAL: 173